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Air Pollution Abatement
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated funds for pollution abatement including testing and monitoring of air pollution in mega cities of the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, Scheme and State-wise; including Bihar;
(c) whether the Government is considering the proposal made by the USA for monitoring the air quality in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce public private partnership for transport and industry pollution management schemes; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) The monitoring of air pollution in mega cities and towns is carried out under the under the scheme "National Air Quality Monitoring Programme" (NAMP) through Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committee (PCCs) of UTs. The total amount allocated and utilized for testing and monitoring air pollution during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and city/State-wise is annexed.

(c) Technical discussions have been held with Environment Protection Agency, United States of America regarding air quality management in the country.

(d) & (e) Pollution management related to transport and industries is carried out through emissions and effluents norms laid down by the Government. There are 56 emission and 45 effluent standards in respect of 77 categories of industries. The emission norms for transport sector are laid down by Ministry of Road, Transport & Highways. The management of air pollution due to road dust is regulated under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.With regard to implementation of specific projects for transport and industry pollution management, Government has not excluded option of public private partnership.

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